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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1444

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE OPEC ATTACK

1. THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA WENT TO TRIPOLI AIRPORT THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 22 WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM VIENNA TO CONTACT THE CHIEF TERRORIST AND ADMONISH HIM FOR NOT RESPECTING THE AGREEMENT HE MADE WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY TO RELEASE ALL OF THE HOSTAGES AT THE AIRCRAFT'S FIRST STOP IN ALGEIRS. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT THE AUSTRIAN PILOT OF THE DC-9. THE LIBYANS, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM ANY CONTACT WITH ANYONE ON THE PLANE, AND ALONG WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS AT THE AIRPORT HE WAS THROWN OUT OF THE AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE AND PLACED UNDER ARMED GUARD. HE WAS NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO MAKE A PHONE CALL BACK TO HIS OFFICE IN TRIPOLI ON THE PRETEXT THAT NO TELEPHONE LINES WERE AVAILABLE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND THE TERRORISTS.

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